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Herewith what we've able to find on Richard Ober in more than three hours of rummaging. He is not listed in Who's Who in America for 1974-75. What we've found is not much, but should enable you to search your own files with less wasted effort.

WXPost for 9Jan75 carries a Jack Anderson column on CIA files on citizens mentioning Ober as the CIA's anti-terrorist expert. You should have that, so we did not copy for you.

Hersh's initial story on the name lists was in the NYTimes for 22Dec74 and could have named Ober, but this was a Sunday issue which we don't have.

What we've found seems to make it clear that Richard Ober was shifted from CIA to NSA, as you note. However, this doesn't mean he's necessarily the son of Harold. In Who's Who I found an Ober (not a Harold Ober, but I can't recall the first name) who is a very old man, a retired Baltimore lawyer who appears to be a right winger, and who has two sons, one named Richard F. I tried to copy this page at the Library but couldn't get the copier to work and had to give it up. Anyway, it ~~xxxxx~~s seems there is a good chance of two Richards.

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